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SUBJECT: CANADA PRESSES IRAN AGAIN ON AMCIT CASES

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11. (C/NF) In a discussion with PolMinCouns on January 22, Director General for the Middle East and the Maghreb John Holmes of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade said that he had once again raised the six Amcit cases in Iran (reftels) with the Iranian Charge d'Affaires in Ottawa on January 20. During their meeting (which the Iranian CDA has requested to complain about Canada's human rights resolution on Iran), DG Holmes reminded the CDA about Canada's shared concern over these consular cases and the need to resolve them expeditiously. The CDA confessed that, after he had reported the December 23 Canadian demarche, he had received instructions to deliver a sharp rebuttal, indicating that the subject was "none of Canada's business" and that Iran was "not happy" that Canada was pursuing this issue "on behalf of another country." The CDA admitted that he had decided simply not to deliver the demarche. He further noted that he continued to pursue the resolution of these consular cases "through other channels," but could not provide any news of progress.  
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